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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AO, CG

SUBJECT: BORDER ATTACK ON ZAIRE

REF: STATE 053978; PARIS 07251

DELIVER OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 14

1. REQUEST EMBASSY FOLLOW-UP AMBASSADOR SEELYE'S
DISCUSSION OF ZAIRE SITUATION WITH QUAI AS FOLLOWS:

A) WE ARE PLANNING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO ZAIRE'S REQUEST
FOR ASSISTANCE. INITIALLY, WE WILL SOON BE SENDING
A C-141 TO KINSHASA WITH CLOTHING, PARACHUTES, FUEL
BLADDERS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, RADIOSAHD BATTERIES AND
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POSSIBLY SPARE PARTS FOR C-130'S.

B) WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO AT
LEAST PART OF MOBUTU'S REQUEST FOR AID.

IN ORDER TO AVOID DUPLICATION AND TO HELP US IN OUR OWN
PLANNING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE PRECISE INFORMATION ON

JUST WHAT FRENCH ARE PLANNING TO DO TO MEET MOBUTU'S
REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE INFO
IF POSSIBLE ON MARCH 14. (FYI ONLY: WE WILL NOT MOVE

C-141 UNTIL WE KNOW FRENCH AND BELGIAN PLANS. WE
CABLING BRUSSELS SEPARATELY END FYI).

C) WE ARE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION FRENCH MAY NOW
HAVE ON DEVELOPING SITUATION. WE HAVE SOME UNCONFIRMED
REPORTS THAT WHAT IS OCCURING IS PART OF LARGER EFFORT
WHOSE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS MOBUTU'S OVERTHROW. WHAT
CREDENCE DO FRENCH GIVE THESE REPORTS? WE THOROUGHLY
AGREE WITH IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING ZAIRE FROM
DISINTEGRATING, AND WOULD WELCOME CLOSE CONSULTATION
ON WAYS TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING. WE ARE AWARE
OF USEFUL COORDINATION TAKING PLACE BETWEEN OUR MILITARY
MISSIONS IN KINSHASA.
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